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THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" The number of schools which had centres for the S.S.L.C. Public Examination of March 1952 was 497."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" May I know whether the Hon. Minister is aware of the fact that most of the schools situated in the rural parts of the country are not centres, and boys are made to go and appear for the examination in other centres situated at a distance of about 10 to 15 miles from their places, where there are no hotels and other facilities to stay? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" I will go into the matter."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" May I know whether the Government will open centres for the S.S.L.C. Public Examination in all taluk headquarters instead of only in district headquarters? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" The Public Examination is conducted not only in district headquarters but also in taluk headquarters, and all other places whereever a school presents 75 pupils for the examination. If a school presents a smaller number of boys and girls, then those students will be clubbed together with students from other schools and asked to sit for the examination in some other school where space, furniture and such other facilities are available."

SRI K. RAJAGOPALA RAO :—" In view of the great difficulties experienced by the students, may I know whether the Government will consider the demand for opening S.S.L.C. Examination centres in each and every school? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" I cannot say that a centre will be opened in each and every school. But the difficulties experienced by the students will be gone into, and as many centres as possible will be opened."

Number of cases dealt with by the Tribunal for Disciplinary Proceedings.

* 112 *Q.*—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state how many Gazetted Officials were dealt with by the Tribunal for Disciplinary Proceedings during the year 1951–52 and how many of them were punished and how?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Thirty-two cases of Gazetted Officials were dealt with by the Tribunal for Disciplinary Proceedings during 1951–52 and final orders

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have been passed by Government in 20 of those cases. The nature of punishments awarded in those cases is as follows :—

Reversion to lower post	1
Stoppage or withholding of increments ...	5
Compulsory retirement	2
Removal from service	2
Reduction of pension	1
Reduction in pay	1
Proceedings dropped	1
Acquittals	7
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SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR :—" May I know whether the answer includes offences of corruption and if so how many cases? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" If the hon. Member had mentioned it in his question, I could have given the answer."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to furnish details as to how many of them have been prosecuted under the Anti-Corruption Act? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" There are cases where an enquiry is held. Taking the nature of the findings, the evidence and the charges and other things together, the Government decide whether they should be prosecuted or sent to the Tribunal or departmentally disposed of. Many cases are disposed of by the Tribunal for Disciplinary Proceedings. We generally do not take the two things together."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" Will the Hon. Chief Minister be pleased to state whether in passing orders on the advice of the Tribunal, the Public Service Commission is consulted or not? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" It depends on the nature of the case. I may state from my memory that most of these cases are finally sent to the Public Service Commission also, but I am not quite sure, Sir."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" Is the Hon. Chief Minister aware that the Public Service Commission drew the attention of the Government to the fact that they must be consulted in such cases and that not consulting them will be an infringement of the Constitution? "

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THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" There are two aspects of the matter. One is the question of the merits of the charges based upon evidence. The Tribunal has been specially appointed in order that there may be full judicial enquiry into the allegations, and yet it is not exactly like a case in a Court. The Tribunal acts sometimes on very grave suspicion also. As to the Public Service Commission, they cannot examine the witnesses over again. They give advice in respect of formalities in each case. That is the position. I am not aware just now as to whether any particular representation has been made by the Public Service Commission which has been disregarded. I would like the hon. Member to give me an opportunity to give that information by putting a question on it."

MR. SPEAKER :—" We have five questions more and we have to finish them within five minutes."

Grant of licences to ex-toddy tappers in Anantapur district.

* 113 Q.—SRI K. V. VEMA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are considering to grant licences to ex-toddy tappers to draw sweet toddy from palmyra and other trees and manufacture jaggery out of it in Anantapur district; and

(b) whether the Government have received any representations from the ex-tappers in Anantapur district for grant of licences to draw sweet toddy for manufacturing jaggery and if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDAR :—" (a) The tapping of date trees for sweet toddy for jaggery manufacture has been permitted in the areas covered by Doddaghatta Co-operative Date Jaggery Production and Sale Society, and Government are not considering the grant of licences in any other place in Anantapur district.

" (b) No representation from ex-tappers has been received for permission to tap trees."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The answers to the other questions will be printed in the proceedings . . ."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" Sir, question No. 114 is an important question on which many of us would like to put supplementary questions. So, it is better if that is carried over to to-morrow."

MR. SPEAKER :—" No, it is not possible. If, however hon. Members in whose names those questions are standing, wish to put supplementary questions on the original question given notice of by them, then they may give notice of their intention before 12 o'clock. Then the questions will be taken up to-morrow.